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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply in the above-identified application in response to the Final Office Action dated May 28, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2 and 8 and amend the claims as follows:

1. Communication system comprising:
- a plurality of terminals which are connected to an access network, the access network having
- an access node connected to a transmission network and a non-dedicated network switch, wherein the access node includes an access node switch coupled to the network switch and a plurality of network control elements, the access node switch